Action plan for Panchayati Raj bodies

*40. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing a national action plan for the elected representatives and development functionaries of Panchayati Raj bodies;

(b) if so, the objectives thereof;

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted before the formation of this action plan; and

(d) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Disinvestment of three units of C.I.L.

†102. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three units of Coal India Ltd. i.e. 'Eastern Coal Fields Ltd.', 'Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.' and 'Central Coal Fields Ltd.' are incurring losses continuously for the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of years for which each unit is incurring loss;

(c) to what extent these units have incurred losses, so far;

(d) whether Government have considered any proposal to hand over the management of these units to the private sector by making disinvestment therein; and

(e) if not, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) is incurring losses from inception except for the years 1988-89,1989-90,1991 -92 and 1995-96. Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) is also incurring losses from inception except for the years 1989-90,1993-94 and 1995-96. Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL) incurred losses in the years 1977-78,1978-79,1985-86 to 1987-88 & 1994-95 to 2001-02.

(c) The accumulated losses of ECL, BCCL & CCL as on 31.3.2002 are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

ECL	-4124.14
BCCL	-4820.85
CCL	-1102.76

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of the answer given to part (d) of the question.

Cost of coal production in India

†103. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of coal of Coal India Limited, a monopoly Public Sector Undertaking, is more than the cost of production at international level;

(b) if so, the average cost of production of coal at international level;

(c) the average cost of production of Coal India Ltd. in India;

(d) whether efforts have been made during previous years to bring coal production industry at par with international level; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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